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Divine was the sculptor that elicited thy brow.

His glory still gleams in thy face,
"Of such is the kingdom," no longer I gaze
Upon this, bewildered and dim,
Since Heaven is pure, and Jesus is love,
The children are nearest to him.
O keep then, my darling, sent down from above
Seath, the arms of his mercy, the wings of His love.

Joyous to-day, with no thought of the morrow—
Oh! who is so blessed beneath the bright skies?
No vision of trouble, or shadow of sorrow,
E'er dimming the light of those azure blue eyes
So pure is thy life, so free from alloy,
May it ever be thus, by beautiful boy!
Lovingly your Mama,
BERTIE HOTTON JONES.
Locust Shade, Ky., Feb. 1.

"Crazy Quilts."
If there is any limit of the vagaries of the feminine intellect, the psychological telescope is yet to be invented, which will disclose it. Whimsical notions, visions, phantasms and imaginations go whirling past each other in the female brain like different solar systems through the limitable confines of space. A month or two ago the decalomania fancy was uppermost, and everything about the house was bedaubed and bepestered with pictures of nude cupids, angels, etc. from the French mirror down to the humblest article of bedroom furniture.

Next came the illuminated scrap-book nonsense, and the Cupids and angels were all scraped off and glued into large tomes, invaluable at first, but now relegated to the dust of the back shelf in the closet or given to the babies to play with.

But the most maniacal phantasy that has yet brought the minds of the women to the verge of idioy, and their husbands, brothers and sweethearts to the verge of insanity is the "crazy quilt." The inventor of this latest bane of domestic peace and happiness is unknown. But, both from its name and appearance, it is fair to presume that it originated in Bedlam. The "crazy quilt" is a bed coverlet composed of countless and infinitesimal pieces of parti-colored silks. So utterly wild and ungovernable has this rage among the fair sex become that no man is safe upon the streets for a moment with a silk scarf or neck-tie exposed; and hitherto estimable young ladies have been known to parol the masculine silk handkerchief. If its colors are bright, render it into fragments, and scream, and wrangle, and fight for possession of a bit of the finery like so many wild animals just broken loose from some menagerie. The weary husband, returning from his daily toil, has to sneak into his home through the backyard—first hiding his neck-gear in the coal-house—or his loving wife will be "snapping at his throat with a pair of sheep-shears in a frantic effort to secure a piece of his scarf. His silk handkerchiefs he has long since locked up in his office safe to prevent their following the lining of his hat and the gay band about the top of his underwear. The wedding dress of the venerable grandmother has long since disappeared. The silk stockings of our ancestry and the silk fastenings of our christening robe have already been sacrificed to this ruthless Moloch—the "crazy quilt." It is only a question of brief time ere the armory is stormed and the silk flag of the B. G. G. will follow in the grand procession of captured banners gone before.

The worst of it is that the patching of a "crazy quilt" renders the maker oblivious to all other earthly and necessary duties. Her boy's raiment may be falling in pieces, but what does she care about the ventilated basement of her little innocent's trousers, with the white signal of distress fluttering in the icy winds, as long as she has an inch or two of gaudy finery to patch on to her "crazy quilt"? Her little daughter's hose may be in such a condition that the poor child in the morning is at a loss whether to put her feet into them through the hole in the heel or through the hole at the top of the leg where it belongs. Little reeks the woman with the "crazy quilt" whether her offspring has one stocking or not.

Hapless husbands, who have not had a button on their shirts since "crazy quilts" came in fashion, turn their straining eyes toward the vaulted dome of Heaven and cry out in their agony, "Great God, how long, oh, how long is this going to last?"

The press has thundered and the pulpit has anathematized against the fiend of strong drink and the countless homes it has ruined, the insane asylums it has filled, the penitentiaries it has crowded. But more deadly, more relentless, more insidious and a thousand times more terrible is this accursed fiend of the "crazy quilt."—Bowling Green Times.

He that takes a wife takes care.—Franklin. Yes, he takes care that his wife doesn't catch him hugging the servant girl.—State Journal.

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THINKS HE MADE A MISTAKE.
The Kentucky Republican edited by one of Fred Douglass' colored brothers, has this to say of Frederick's recent marriage: "A prominent Democrat stopped us on the street last Saturday to remark that Fred Douglass had gone back on the negro race and married a white woman. Our reply was that we believed that Mr. Douglass had made a mistake, but if he and the lady were satisfied it was no affair of ours."

AN OLD STATUTE.
The wide-spread discussion which Frederick Douglass has provoked by marrying a white woman, has resulted in the discovery of an old statute imposing a fine of 5,000 pounds of tobacco as a penalty for such act. The statute alluded to is one hundred and sixty years old.—Evansville Journal.

ARE ALL THE COUNTIES HEARD FROM?
There are at this writing six candidates for Congress in the Seventh Kentucky Congressional District to succeed Captain Blackburn. The average Kentucky politician makes haste to avail himself of the earliest opportunity.—Commonwealth.

CAUSES A PECK OF TROUBLE.
"If Milwaukee Peck had any consideration for his readers he would kill his 'bad boy' in the next number and be done with him. The bad boy of fiction, like his prototype in real life, has become an insufferable bore."—Louisville Commercial.

BOYS ARE BAD ENOUGH, NOW-A-DAYS,
without having more mischief put into their heads by the writings referred to. As if the written sketches had not done enough harm, there is a dramatic version of Peck's writings that is said to be filled with vicious nonsense. The "Bad Boy" stories and the strained wit of the Detroit Free Press is the worst "rot" extant in the field of so-called literature. It makes sensible people "tired" to read it.—Evansville Journal.

A SEVERE REBUKE.
Haley, a young Memphis man, some time since stabbed to death an inoffensive old negro man. He was tried a few days since and to the surprise of the Judge and attorneys both for the prosecution and the defense, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Judge Greer ordered their names spread on the minutes, and that they never be allowed to sit as jurors again, inasmuch as they put no value on human life.—Clarksville Tobacco Leaf.

A BALD-HEADED LIE.
A gentleman of this city was out in the country riding yesterday when he discovered a hat lying in the middle of the road; thinking he had found an article that would be of some use to him, he alighted and took hold of the top of it when he heard a muffled

EXCHANGE SCINTILLATIONS.

Many Western railroad camps are forbidding the presence of Chinamen. It is presumed the laborers are saving up their washing until spring comes.—N. Y. Journal.

An exchange informs us that a new variety of deer has been discovered in Minnesota. The editor probably struck a girl who refused ice cream and oysters.—Yonkers Statesman.

A young man in this city is said to have swallowed poison yesterday because he quarreled with his sweetheart. We wish simply to call attention to the fact that this is very foolish. Anybody who ever had any experience with sweethearts knows that the more a girl quarrels with you, the more she likes you.—Louisville Post.

Corn Show.

To the Farmers of Kentucky:
With the view of directing the attention of the farmers of Kentucky where to obtain seed corn of the best varieties grown in the State, the annual corn show will be held at this office on the 28th day of Feb. 1884.

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JOHN F. DAVIS,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

An Eastern journal states that "paper made from strong fibers can now be compressed into a substance so hard that nothing but a diamond can scratch it." How the editor verified the diamond part of the story is not known.

The editor of a journal in Guatemala printed an article which gave offense to Minister Logan. The latter complained to President Barrios, who at once arrested the offending journalist and suspended the publication of his paper.

A Western editor, in response to a subscriber who grumbles that his paper is intolerably damp, says "that is because there is so much due on it."

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED NAMES BEST.

In looking over the roster of the Supreme bench there is not much encouragement to parents to give fancy names to their children. Solid old Bible names, or staid family names, such as Morrison and Stanley, are the favorite names worn by the fortunate nine, as witness two Samuels, a John, a Joseph, a Stephen; while Horace and William represent the substantial Latin and Saxon elements of our civilization. I think the Lionsels, the Vivians, the Clarences, are somewhat heavily handicapped in the race of life.

By the way, the lady correspondents are beginning to write young Arthur's name "Alaine" Arthur. I devoutly hope this is not an "authorized" version. Six months ago it was "Allen," strong, fine and manly as any blonde young giant could wish, and euphonious, without showing also the trace of a fond wife's preference for her husband's name above all others to bequeath to her baby boy. I noted with solicitude a few weeks since that the name appeared as "Alan" in local society chronicles. If now it has become "Alaine," I hope the paternal Presidential hand will gently but firmly lead that gilded youth into the back shed for discipline. He is too fine a fellow, with "the makings" of too good and wholesome a manhood in him, to be calmly permitted thus to dim his young renown; but I imagine it to be rather the work of some of our esthetic dilettante in newspaper gossip, who do their best to spoil every new President's sons.

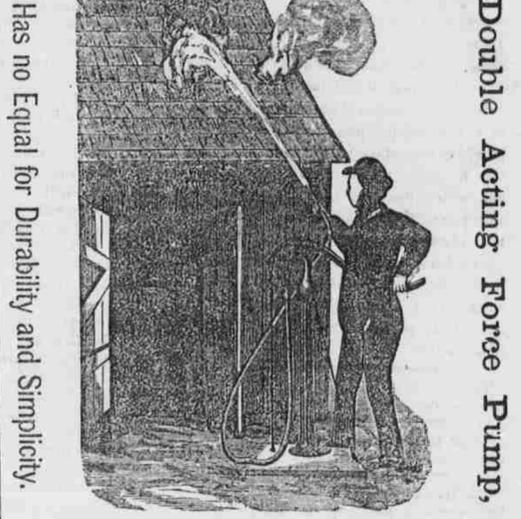
Congressman Jonathan Chase, of Rhode Island, a refined and elegant man of the Society of Friends, has told me how greatly in his boyhood he disliked his given name, but that in later years he had grown not only satisfied but quite well pleased with it, remembering the ideal loveliness of the Jonathan of scripture, and also the Jonathan who was the friend of Washington, and so fraternally allied to him that the name "Brother Jonathan," by which our country became personified, took its rise from him.—Washington letter.

TAKING DOWN A SHOWY CUP.
A man slipped into one of the saloons on Main street and invited some friends he had in town to drink. The man had evidently just come out of the big end of the horn in a mining speculation, and his sudden accumulation of wealth was shown in his big watch chain, immense diamond pin and generally "loud" air. When he came to pay for the drinks he pulled out a handful of gold and silver, amounting to about \$80, and laid it on the counter, remarking:
"How much is this?"
"Goin' to stop here long?" asked the barkeeper.
"Few days," said the man.
The bar-keeper gazed at the money up, counted it carefully and showed it all back, saying, quietly:
"Better keep it, stranger, if that's all you've got. You'll need it right along. I haven't the heart to take money from a man who's so near broke."
The crowd laughed, and the snob, pocketing his handful of money, withdrew with a melancholy and dejected air.—Colorado News.

It is said that Mexican ladies, even among the wealthiest families, make their own dresses, almost as a universal rule. Perhaps that is the reason why there are so few changes of fashion in that country.

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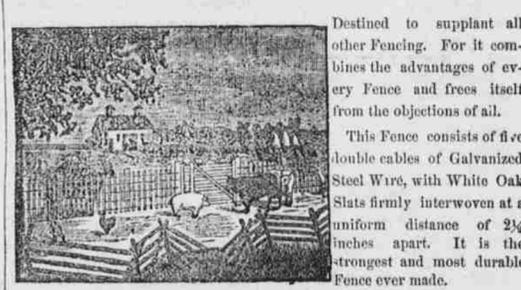


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